

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2000 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Four new large fires were reported and containment was reached on 6 large fires, all in the Southern Area. Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, California, Utah, Nevada, Montana, Arizona, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CHICKEN, Texas State Forest Service. This fire is 20 miles east of Nacogdoches, TX. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ruggiero) is assigned. The fire received light precipitation that is aiding crews with mopup.

ARBUCKLE COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is 11 miles northwest of Ardmore, OK. The fire was active and flare-ups continue to threaten structures. Some residents of Turner Falls remain evacuated from the area.

OAKCLIFF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles south of Guthrie, OK, and is burning in grass, cedar and hardwood timber fuels. Most of the significant flareups occurred within the fire's interior. Better reconnaissance confirmed a total of 46 structures destroyed.

251ST STREET, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is east of Boggs, OK. Quick response from emergency personnel prevented this fire from growing.

CEMENT PLANT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located one and a half miles south of Pawnee, OK. Crews continue to mopup and patrol.

WALKER MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. These fires are west of Nicut, OK. There are four fires in this complex burning in steep and rough terrain. Some residences are still being reported as threatened.

CEMENT, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is one mile north of Cement, OK. The fire is burning in grass and hardwood timber fuels. Crews made good progress securing firelines and have started mopup operations.

LINDSAY, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles southwest of Lindsay, OK. Spotting, crowning and rapid rates of spread were observed. Very high winds, low fuel moistures and low relative humidity are contributing to control problems.

NOODLER, Southern Plains Regional Office, BIA. This fire is burning in grass, brush, oak, and cedar five miles northeast of Anadarko, OK. The

fire has shown extreme fire behavior with rapid rates of spread, crowning, spotting and torching. Two homes were reported as evacuated.

LUDLOW, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 15 miles southeast of Talihina, OK. The fire is burning in a pine plantation and spotting and torching have been observed.

LONGTHORN, Southern Plains Regional Office, BIA. This fire is north of Cooperton, OK. No new information was received.

SUGARLOAF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in a mixed hardwood and pine plantation two miles north of Monroe, OK.

COUNTY LINE, Alabama Forestry Commission. This fire is three miles south of Providence, AL. Dry conditions and strong winds are hampering control efforts. GORGE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles west of Wynona, OK, and is burning in grass and hardwood timber. No new information was received.

CROMWELL, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, BIA. This fire is three miles west of Cromwell, OK. No new information was received.

OSAGE HILLS, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is eight miles west of Bartlesville, OK. This fire is burning in grass and hardwood brush. Three structures are confirmed destroyed.

CALHOUN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is ten miles northwest of Poteau, OK. This fire is burning in a pine plantation and hardwood timber fuels. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CHICKEN	TX	TXS	4000	95	9/24	125	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
ARBUCKLE COMPLE	OK	OKS	10250	25	UNK	154	2	17	4	8	NR	66K
OAKCLIFF	OK	OKS	3840	95	UNK	4	0	2	0	46	NR	NR
251ST STREET	OK	OK	100	95	9/22	30	0	5	1	0	NR	NR
CEMENT PLANT	OK	OKS	600	95	UNK	3	0	1		0	NR	NR
WALKER MTN. CMP	OK	OKS	1830	95	9/22	44	0	11	1	0	NR	10K
CEMENT	OK	OKS	600	95	9/23	0	0	0	0	0	NR	10K
LINDSAY	OK	OKS	300	95	9/29	22	0	10	0	0	NR	1K
NOODLER	OK	AAA	500	50	UNK	66	0	23	1	0	NR	15K
LUDLOW	OK	OKS	350	80	9/25	11	0	4	1	2	NR	NR
LONGTHORN	OK	AAA	560	80	UNK	14	0	6	0	0	NR	2K
SUGARLOAF	OK	OKS	800	20	UNK	3	0	1	0	2	NR	75K
COUNTY LINE	AL	ALS	4000	80	9/30	100	2	4	0	0	NR	NR
GORGE	OK	OKS	3500	0	UNK	112	3	11	0	2	5K	100K
CROMWELL	OK	MAA	100	10	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
OSAGE HILLS	OK	OKS	2500	0	9/25	37	0	19	0	0	300K	NR
CALHOUN	OK	OKS	1000	0	UNK	7	0	4	0	0	NR	20K
ADAIR	OK	OKS	250	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR	8K
HARDEN	OK	MAA	3000	100	---	8	0	3	0	0	NR	10K
GLASS HOLLOW	OK	OKS	120	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
ROCK CREEK	OK	OKS	175	100	---	72	0	36	2	0	NR	NR
CADDO COMPLEX	OK	AAA	187	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
INDIAN CAMP	TX	TXS	200	100	---	15	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

VALENTINE COMPLEX, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge. These fires are 25 miles south of Valentine, NE. There are seven lightning-caused fires burning on the Valentine Refuge. Strong winds of 30 to 40 mph caused increased fire activity. Crews were successful with containment and mopup objectives. Acreage increase is due to better mapping.

POWDERHORN COMPLEX, Nebraska National Forest. This fire is 18 miles west of Merrit Reservoir, NE. High winds and are hampering control efforts. Acreage decrease is due to better GPS mapping.

SPRING MOUNTAIN, Wind River Agency, BIA. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Pavillion, WY. The fire area received some precipitation and most of the resources have been demobilized.

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VALENTINE COMPL	NE	VAR	22587	85	9/22	80	0	22	0	0	NR	115K
POWDERHORN CMPL	NE	NBF	49000	80	9/22	109	3	11	1	0	NR	150K
SPRING MOUNTAIN	WY	WRA	750	90	UNK	48	1	0	2	0	NR	NR

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NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

BUNYAN POINT/EAR MTN. COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This complex is 22 miles southwest of Augusta, MT, and consists of the Bunyan Point and Ear Mountain fires. The Ear Mountain fire is 100 percent contained. The Bunyan fire remains unstaffed and is being monitored. This will be the last report until a significant change occurs.

VALLEY COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. These fires are seven miles south of Darby, MT. The complex consists of the Bear, Taylor, Taylor Spot, Hilltop, Razor, Fat, and Mink fires. Cloudy, cool weather and higher humidity has decreased fire activity. Rehabilitation is continuing.

SKALKAHO COMPLEX, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This group of fires is ten miles southeast of Hamilton, MT. Cloudy and cold weather has slowed the fire activity. Mopup and rehabilitation continues.

MUSSIGBROD COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires are 12 miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. The complex includes the Mussigbrod and Maynard fires. Crews are using hand held infrared units to assist the mopup operations. Rehabilitation continues in all divisions.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. These fires

are 30 miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. The complex consists of the Falls Creek, Cougar Creek, Coyote Springs, Medicine Lake, Skalkaho Pass, Lick Creek, and Cooper Creek fires. A few interior smokes have been observed.

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BUNYAN PT./EAR	MT	LCF	3164	UNK	UNK	5	0	0	1	0	NR	427K
VALLEY COMPLEX	MT	BRF	211385	75	UNK	385	5	5	2	227	NR	30.7M
SKALKAHO CPLX	MT	BRF	70685	95	UNK	92	1	3	1	4	NR	10.9M
MUSSIGBROD CPLX	MT	BDF	84939	90	UNK	38	1	0	1	1	NR	11.5M
MIDDLE FORK COM	MT	BDF	17535	90	UNK	27	1	0	2	0	NR	17.3M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CLEAR CREEK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. This complex consists of the Clear Creek, Marlin Springs, Full Circle, and Sisters fires. The 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, commanded by LTC Smith, is assigned, partial demobilization of the battalion is in progress.

SCF WILDERNESS, Salmon-Challis National Forest. Eleven wildland fires are currently burning within the Salmon-Challis Wilderness Complex, including the Little Pistol, Indian Creek, Filly, Butts, Papoose, Parker, Packer Meadow, and Shell Rock. Fires continue to smolder with no significant growth.

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CLEAR CREEK COM	ID	SCF	216961	85	9/30	1115	25	18	9	1	0	61.0M
SCF WILDERNESS	ID	SCF	182600	0	UNK	4	0	0	0	46	NR	455K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CONCOW, Butte Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A State Incident Management Team (Stovall) is assigned. This fire is 18 miles east of Chico, CA. Diminishing winds assisted the suppression efforts. Efforts have been directed towards mopup and patrol and some demobilization of resources has begun.

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CONCOW	CA	BTU	1835	60	9/22	1558	65	142	5	5	NR	489K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLOODGOOD COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This complex consists of the Bloodgood and the Sierra fires. These lightning ignited wildfires are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire activity is primarily on the surface, with some torching and short uphill runs. Decrease in acreage is due to better mapping.

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BLOODGOOD	NM	GNF	15530	UNK	UNK	79	2	4	2	0	0	193K

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR NEW MEXICO FOR STRONG WEST TO SOUTHWEST WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITY.\*\*\*

Across Oklahoma, Texas and the Gulf Coast States, a chance of showers and thunderstorms are possible due to a southwest flow aloft bringing in moisture. High temperatures will range from the 80's to around 90 degrees. Minimum afternoon humidity will be 35 to 50 percent inland and 50 to 65 percent along the coast. Winds will be south to southeast 10 to 20 mph.

Across the west a upper level trough will bring very cold temperatures along with rain and snow to the Northern Rockies. Northeast Nevada and Utah could see showers and thunderstorms. The west coast, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico will experience strong winds out of the west or southwest. Dry conditions will prevail although temperatures will be much cooler. Southwest Oregon and northern California can expect continued northwest to northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. High temperatures should be in 30's and 40's in the Northern Rockies and the central Rockies will have temperatures in the 50's to 70 degrees. Northern California and Arizona should see high temperatures in the mid 80's. Minimum afternoon humidity will be 15 to 25 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	FIRES	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	0							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	12							12
	ACRES							15
CA-NORTH	1	1		1		12	5	19
	ACRES	4		100		800	1	905



PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			90				90
NORTHERN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
GB-EAST	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					5		5
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						25	25
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	90	0	7	25	122

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1		4		5
	ACRES			125		379		504
NORTHWEST	FIRES	19	23	25			201	268
	ACRES	5638	3540	5022			20867	35067
CA-NORTH	FIRES		2	8	1		121	132
	ACRES		328	1167	12		10365	11872
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			6	3		80	89
	ACRES			390	124		5152	5666
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	5	87	3	59	242	416
	ACRES	1775	1991	16531	395	6448	35377	62517
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	15	5	3	6	18	48
	ACRES	272	9199	1448	975	153	11325	23372
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	12	2	195	479
	ACRES	23385	14214	1888	4289	360	67762	111898
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	135	10	8	63	225

	ACRES	850	2743	17379	2937	705	20263	44877
EASTERN	FIRES	15		87	11	132	212	457
	ACRES	2947		17992	1290	84424	18525	125178
SOUTHERN	FIRES	9		137	71	103	710	1030
	ACRES	902		61589	41864	61971	457904	624230
USA TOTALS	FIRES	96	266	517	114	314	1844	3151
	ACRES	35769	32015	123531	51886	154440	649066	1046707

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				6		7	13
	ACRES				3		780	783
NORTHERN	FIRES				2		10	12
	ACRES				388		3969	4357
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						16	16
	ACRES						15325	15325
ROCKY MTN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					550		550
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				12	24		36
	ACRES				1133	125		1258
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	20	25	34	79
	ACRES	0	0	0	1524	675	20075	22274

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews	Crews	Engs	Engs	Heli	Heli	Airt	Airt	Ovrhd	Ovrhd
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	1				1				2	1

CA-NORTH	1	65	12	137	3	3			4	89
CA-SOUTH	1		1		2	1	1			
NORTHERN	10	2	13	10	10	4			155	68
GB-EAST	12	15	9	20	4	8			216	200
GB-WEST		1	2		1					
SOUTHWEST	7		7	1	3				45	
ROCKY MTN	9	2	33	6	2	1			29	2
EASTERN									3	
SOUTHERN	6	4	15	143	6	9			56	91
TOTAL	47	89	92	317	32	26	1	0	510	451

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